

**Patent Application Transmittal**

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Sir:

With reference to the filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office of an application for patent in the name(s) of: **Armin Herb**

entitled: **FASTENING ELEMENT**

X New Application  
\_\_\_ Continuing Application

\_\_\_ Continuation \_\_\_ Divisional \_\_\_ Continuation-in-Part (CIP)  
of prior application serial no. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_

[Note: If priority under 35 U.S.C. 120 involves a series of respectively copending applications, then in this amendment identify each and its relationship to its immediate predecessor.]

\_\_\_ The prior application is assigned of record to \_\_\_

\_\_\_ This is an application of a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9(f) and the amounts shown in parentheses below have been employed in calculating the fee:

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The following are enclosed:

X Specification ( 15 pages) & Abstract  
X 5 Sheet(s) of Drawings  
X 13 Claim(s) (including 1 independent claim(s))  
— This application contains a multiple dependent claim  
— Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449 and — references;

X This filing fee has been calculated on the basis of the claims as amended by any enclosed preliminary amendment as follows:

Basic Fee, \$770.00 (\$385.00).....	\$ 770.00
Number of Claims in excess of 20 at \$18.00 (\$9.00) each:.....	00.00
Number of Independent Claims in excess of 3 at \$86.00 (\$43.00) each:.....	00.00
Multiple Dependent Claim Fee at \$290.00 (\$145.00).....	00.00
— Assignment Recording Fee \$40.00 .....	00.00
Total Filing Fee.....	\$ 770.00

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- (x) Any additional filing fees required under 37 CRF 1.16
- (x) Any patent application processing fees under 37 CRF 1.17.

X Oath or Declaration and Power of Attorney  
X New — signed X unsigned  
— Copy from a prior application (37 C.F.R. 1.63(d))

Deletion of Inventors

— Signed Statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application (37 C.F.R. 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b))

— Power of attorney and/or correspondence address was changed during prosecution of the prior application. The new power of attorney is to Reg. No. . The new correspondence address is indicated above.

— Incorporation by Reference (for continuation or divisional application)  
The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

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- ☐ A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.  
(Claims added by this amendment have been properly numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered original claim in the prior application.)
- ☐ Cancel in this application original claims \_\_\_\_ of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes.)
- ☒ New formal drawings are enclosed.
- ☒ Certified copy of each foreign priority application on which the claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. 119 is based was filed in prior U.S. application serial no. , filed . A list of said foreign priority application(s) is (are) provided below. Acknowledgement thereof is requested.

<u>Application Nos.</u>	<u>Filed</u>	<u>In</u>
102 56 546.5	12/04/02	Germany

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- (X) Any filing fees required under 37 CFR 1.16 for the presentation of extra claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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